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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	10/646,308
Filing Date	August 21, 2003
First Named Inventor	Paul B.J. Burton
Group / Art Unit	1646
Examiner Name	Jiang, Dong
Attorney Docket No.	3432-US-NP

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unnumbered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply.

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 09-0089

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$810.00.

ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) in the amount of \$1,110.00. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefor.

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b. Check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

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